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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

We submit herewith the usual Form PTO-1449 together with a copy of a publication listed therein. It is submitted to comply with the Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and is believed related to this application.

We are submitting this in the spirit of voluntary disclosure and look forward with interest to the Examiner's action at an early date on the merits of the case.

It is accordingly requested that the Information Disclosure Statement be officially entered in the file of this case and that appropriate notification be made that it was considered in the prosecution of the case.

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